

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2012  
7:15 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:30PM  
Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

**Sunshine Law:** The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to ***The Record*** and the ***Ridgewood News***, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call: Council members Brophy, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present  
Councilman Carrick-absent  
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Stylianou  
Second: Councilman Freeman  
All in favor.

Proclamation presented by Mayor Kelly and Councilman Stylianou to 16U Boys Summer Baseball District Champions

Proclamation presented by Mayor Kelly to 14U Boys Summer Baseball District Champions

Mayor Kelly called for a short recess at 7:55PM.

Mayor Kelly called the meeting back to order at 8:00PM

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the June 6, 2012 Closed Session minutes: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the July 17, 2012 Executive and Public Meeting minutes: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Freeman and Stylianou-abstained

**Administrator's Report**

Mr. Perkins met with Horizon Dental to compare their policy to Delta Dental for Borough employees. There is a possibility \$20,000 can be saved while providing more services.

On July 23, 2012 the EPA conducted an inspection of our sanitary sewer system, which they found to be in compliance.

We are trying to negotiate with the County to move some of the contaminated soil (road salt and other contaminants you would find on the road) from the Phase II project to Overpeck, which is looking for landfill. This would be a great savings to the Borough.

Another consideration by the County was to contribute 15% of the cost to clean Brook Street culvert.

Mr. Perkins met with the Fire Chiefs. The ISO, the Insurance Services Office, conduct periodic inspections of fire service in towns. They are interested in response to calls, the number of personnel, equipment and other factors. This impacts the insurance premiums of residential and commercial properties. All information must be readily available. The Chiefs are aware and ready.

There will be another couple of shredding programs soon.

The Governing Body adopted a resolution a few weeks ago to suggest that N.J. Transit work with PSE&G to change to clean energy. We received a positive response from them.

### **Council Committee Reports**

- Councilman Brophy

#### *Board of Education*

The next meeting will be held August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The school year begins September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Also, it is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dumont Volunteer Ambulance Corps. They will be discussing some ideas to commemorate the occasion including getting the school children involved in a contest.

#### *Shade Tree Commission*

There was a meeting last night. The main topic was the gazebo and walkway. Members will be meeting the Borough Engineer tomorrow to discuss this. They would like to make the tree ordinance more sophisticated.

#### *DPW*

The Councilman complimented the DPW on the condition of the fields and the work they did through three heat waves.

- Councilman Freeman

#### *No Report*

- Councilman Hayes

#### *Fire Department*

The Councilman witnessed the Fire Department in action at a house fire a few weeks ago. They are very professional; no injuries. The Ambulance Corps was there also. The residents should be very proud of our volunteers.

#### *Rent Leveling Board*

They met and discussed the CPI, which is currently at 2.2%. It was a short meeting.

#### *Joint Land Use Board*

The August meeting has been cancelled due to lack of agenda

#### *Ethics Board*

A complaint was submitted to the Board in February. A meeting is scheduled for September to come to a conclusion. They have asked for additional funds in order to finish out the complaint.

The Mayor questioned the amount necessary and the amount of the Ethics Board budget from the previous year.

- Councilman Stylianou

#### *5K Run*

The Run is scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Councilman thanked Councilwoman Zamechansky for coordinating everything; Rafael Riquelme, Frank Krajick, Jon Bennett, Councilman Brophy and the Board of Education. He also thanked some of the sponsors: Mariners Bank, which always donates money to this event; RAB Recoveries; Applebees; Arland DiGirolomo; Brooker Engineering, Dumont Chamber of Commerce; Dumont PBA; East Madison Dental; Foschini's Pizza; Grant Street Café; the Grant School third grade class; John Perkins; Karla Cino; Lerch, Vinci, Higgins; Maggiano, DiGirolamo and Lizzi; Malen and Associates; Mayor Kelly; McSpirit and Beckett; On the Move Sign and Graphics; Okonite Company; Retrofitness; the Riquelme Family; Stylianou Family; T&M Associates; Zamechansky Family. Poland Spring is supplying the water for the race; Polar Heart Monitors gave two heart monitors for the race; Starbucks will provide coffee; TwinBoro News will be our media sponsor; Your Photo at Sports Memories will take the photos-they will donate a percentage of their sales to the Run; Cold Stone Creameries will provide the ice cream.

The Councilman expressed disappointment in Dumont's professionals. They say they wish to give back to the community but ignored his requests for contributions.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

#### *Senior Center*

The Seniors have a trip scheduled to Rocking Horse Ranch in September.

The Mayor's luncheon at the Knights of Columbus will be held September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### *Chamber of Commerce*

Octoberfest will be held October 6<sup>th</sup>, rain date October 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Farmer's Market is ongoing on Saturdays.

#### *Board of Health*

The Board meets quarterly so there was no meeting this summer.

#### *Environmental Commission*

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday night. Residents are encouraged to attend.

#### *Building and Grounds*

Discussions are ongoing pertaining to the condition of Borough Hall. Issues are not being ignored.

#### *5K Run*

Pre-registration will be held Thursday night from 6-8PM. Volunteers are needed.

#### *Dumont Day*

There are more vendors this year than in the past. Mariners Bank will be sponsoring the concert.

The Elks Club made a large contribution to defray the cost of the rides.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kelly commended the Police Department, in particular Detective Foti and Lt. Voorhis, for apprehending a very dangerous person within a matter of days.

**Review of Consent Agenda Items:** All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#12-183 Bills List \*

- #12-184 Acknowledgement of Third Quarter Tax Bill Grace Period \*
- #12-185 Opposition to PSE&G Rate Increase to Subsidize Solar Programs \*
- #12-186 Interlocal Service Agreement with Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority-  
\$402.00 per month \*
- #12-187 Endorsement of Vantage Health System Application for Bergen County Community  
Development Grant \*
- #12-188 Approval of Block Party Request on Wolcott Road September 15, 2012 \*
- #12-189 Authorization of Execution of Bergen County ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp  
Construction and ADA Cooperative Engineering Design Grant Agreements **TABLED**
- #12-190 Capital Budget Amendment-West Shore Avenue Walking Path/Gazebo \*
- #12-191 Approval of Block Party Request on Blanche Court September 15, 2012 \*
- #12-192 Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Dumont Park Tavern t/a Schraalenburgh Inn \*
- #12-193 Approval of Fire Department Squad Company #1 Boot Drive to be held November 23,  
2012 \*
- #12-194 Approval of Dumont Elks Lodge #2593 Club, Inc. Arcade Game License \*
- Motion to open to the public on consent agenda items: Councilman Stylianou
- Second: Councilman Brophy
- All in favor.
1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, on Resolution #185, how much leverage does the municipality  
have to oppose the PSE&G increase when they buy their electric power from someone  
else.
- The Mayor responded that Dumont is supporting other towns in opposing the increase  
and may use PSE&G in the future.
- Motion to close: Councilwoman Zamechansky
- Second: Councilman Freeman
- All in favor.
- Motion to adopt: Councilwoman Zamechansky
- Second: Councilman Freeman
- Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
- Non-consent Agenda**
- #12-176 Mike O'Connor and Mike "Joe" Sherban-DPW-Approval of \$5,000 Raise in Base  
Salary for each The Mayor **TABLED** this resolution until the next meeting.

## **ORDINANCES**

### *First Reading*

- #1445 Salary Ordinance-Amend and Supplement
- Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky
- Second: Councilman Freeman
- All in favor.
- Councilman Brophy stated he would like to see the previous salary ordinance.
- Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky
- Second: Councilman Freeman
- Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
- #1446 Amendment of Chapter 36 Fire Department of the Borough of Dumont Code
- Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou
- Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

#1447 Bond Ordinance-West Shore Avenue Walking Path/Gazebo-\$160,000

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Councilman Hayes stated that he has reservations on bonding more money. Although the walking path and gazebo would improve the area and they say there is a safety issue he feels with the increase in taxes he is against this ordinance.

Councilman Stylianou stated that he doesn't disagree with Councilman Hayes; however, a substantial part of this is going to be financed with free money by way of a grant. In addition to the aesthetics, we had discussed in the executive meeting the safety issues involved. He feels there is no choice but to move forward with this project.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Hayes-no

Motion to open to the public for general comment: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Mike Brown, Arcadia Court, Harrington Park, wished to thank the Governing Body as well as Borough staff for their support and help. Mr. Brown is President of the Dumont Chamber of Commerce. We got 40 units at the Blood Drive.

Councilman Stylianou, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, thanked Mr. Brown for successfully reviving the Chamber of Commerce.

2. Dave Isolde, 425 New Milford Avenue, questioned the Red Light Camera RFP. He said that he has seen independent studies, which show no accident reduction. According to Mr. Isolde it can cause accidents. He would like to make sure the Council does their due diligence.

Mayor Kelly explained that at this point the RFP has not been awarded.

We are not sure we will receive approval from DOT. He stated he is aware there are conflicting views as to whether this is a good or bad idea. When it was first presented it seemed like a good source of revenue besides a safety feature. If a car is in the middle of the intersection they would not receive a ticket.

3. MaryAnn Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, referred to the Traffic Camera study that was performed and asked how many violations would have been given to Dumont residents. She also asked which intersections would be involved.

Mayor Kelly responded that the study did not identify those cars in violation.

Mr. Perkins stated that the intersections involved are Johnson & Madison, Washington & Madison and Grant & Washington. There were 105 violations in twelve hours.

4. Frank Lopez, 190 Magnolia, asked how much time the police officer would spend on this away from his police officer duties. He feels the officer could be out on the street instead of relying on a camera.

5. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, inquired when the audit report would be available.

The Mayor explained that the hard copy is expected and a resolution should be on the next agenda. It will be available on the website prior to the meeting.

6. Cary Stopsky, 48 E. Quackenbush, stated that Phase II is moving along. He wants to make sure that someone will inspect the street after they are finished. There seems to be a dip again on his side of the street. Will cameras be inspecting the culverts?

Mr. Perkins responded that the culverts will be addressed and the street looked at once the project is done.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk